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CHAPTER 40

## **HOUSE BILL 2065**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 34-203 AND 34-611, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 34-203, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 34-203. Failure to comply: civil penalty

- A. An agent who knowingly violates the provisions of section 34-201 is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed:
- 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 2, NOT TO EXCEED five thousand dollars for each violation.
- 2. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION UNTIL JULY 1, 2009, NOT TO EXCEED:
  - (a) TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A FIRST VIOLATION.
  - (b) TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A SECOND VIOLATION.
  - (c) SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A THIRD VIOLATION.
- B. All monies collected from the civil penalty shall be deposited in the state general fund. The attorney general shall bring an action to recover the penalty in the name of this state in the superior court in the county in which the violation occurred. The attorney general shall bring any appropriate civil action to enjoin a threatened or pending violation of this article.
  - Sec. 2. Section 34-611, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 34-611. Failure to comply: civil penalty
- A. An agent who knowingly and intentionally violates this chapter is liable for a civil penalty:
- 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 2, of not more than five thousand dollars for each violation.
- 2. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION UNTIL JULY 1, 2009, OF NOT MORE THAN:
  - (a) TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A FIRST VIOLATION.
  - (b) TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A SECOND VIOLATION.
  - (c) SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A THIRD VIOLATION.
- B. All monies collected from the civil penalty shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund. The attorney general shall bring an action to recover the penalty in the name of this state in the superior court in the county in which the violation occurred. The attorney general shall bring any appropriate civil action to enjoin a threatened or pending violation of this chapter.
  - Sec. 3. County and city construction contract bid process study
- A. If a representative of a statewide association of contractors, a representative from a statewide association of cities and towns and a representative from a statewide association of county supervisors agree to work together on a process to study city and county compliance with state laws relating to bidding for construction contracts, the process prescribed by this section shall be used.

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- B. The representatives described in subsection A shall select fifteen cities and fifteen counties. They shall collect, assemble and study data from the cities and counties with regard to dollars spent on the following items:
  - 1. Chip seals.
  - 2. Slurry seals.
  - 3. Fog seals.
  - 4. Overlay and reconstruction.
- C. The representatives described in subsection A shall review the cities' and counties' capital budget items for the items prescribed in subsection B. They shall review both the budget information and the final auditing process information.
- D. The period for data collection, assembly and study pursuant to this section is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The representatives described in subsection A shall make reviews as follows:
- 1. On July 1, 2008, an initial review of the data for compliance with the laws relating to bidding for construction contracts and recommendations for a penalty process.
- 2. On July 1, 2009, a final review of the data for compliance with the laws relating to bidding for construction contracts and recommendations for a penalty process.
- E. To assist in the study pursuant to this section, representatives described in subsection A shall:
- 1. Have access to a statewide association of contractors website for contract bid notification.
- 2. Track responses to requests for proposals that are made by the fifteen cities and fifteen counties in the study.
- F. The representatives described in subsection A may make recommendations for suggested legislation for introduction in the forty-ninth legislature, second regular session, if needed.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 11, 2007.

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